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SUBJECT: GUINEAN INTEREST IN AGRCBBUSINESS JOINT VENTURE WITH
US COMPANY

1. MINISTER OF DOMAIN FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMICS ISMAEL TOURE HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR GOG IS INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURE WITH US AGRO INDUSTRIAL FIRM FOR ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT AND FINANCING OF SOYBEAN PLANTATION WITH RELATED MILL FOR PRODUCTION OF SOYBEAN OIL AND MEAL. GOG PROJECTS ULTIMATE OIL OUTPUT OF MILL AT 20,000 METRIC TONS PER YEAR. MINISTER OF DOMAIN FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE, MAMADI KEITA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR USAID AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AND WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THIS MEETING, SAID SOY PRODUCTION AT FOULAYA HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. THEY ENVISION ESTABLISHING PLANTATION IN UPPER GUINEA (E.G., KOUROUSSA, FARANAH KISSIDOU GOU OR KEROUANE) AND REPORT THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE HAS PROPOSED THAT PARCELS OF LAND IN THIS UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE GIVEN TO FAMILY UNITS TO BE DEVELOPED FREELY UNDER THE DIRECTION
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OF THE MANAGING US COMPANY. THIS WAS SEEN AS OFFERING INCENTIVE FOR MORE INTENSIVE EFFORTS BY FARMERS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT.

2. ISMAEL CITED EXAMPLE OF VERY SUCCESSFUL AND EXTREMELY LARGE SOYBEAN PLANTATION IN IVORY COAST OPERATED BY US AND BRAZILIAN COMPANIES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WOULD APPRECIATE ABIDJAN'S IDENTIFYING PROJECT PARA 2 ABOVE AND US FIRM INVOLVED. ANY COMMENTS REGARDING SUCCESS OF PROJECT, PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, ETC. WOULD BE WELCOME.

B. WOULD APPRECIATE DOS AND DOC VIEWS ON TOURE'S PROPOSAL, PLUS NAMES OF POTENTIAL US PARTICIPANTS IF THIS IS CONSIDERED WORTH PURSUING. SUGGEST PUBLICATION IN COMMERCE AMERICA.

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4. COMMENT: IF VIABLE, PROJECT PROPOSAL IS WELCOME AS INDICATION OF A PRACTICAL GOG APPROACH TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. FACT THAT INQUIRY COMES FROM PRAGMATIC MINISTER ISMAEL TOURE IS ITSELF ENCOURAGING; HIS OBSERVATIONS THAT SEKOU TOURE ENVISIONS TURNING PARCELS OF LAND OVER TO FAMILY UNITS IS FIRST SIGN OF A MORE REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE WORK INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

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